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WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

June 2010

NEWS AND EVENTS



WNC Graduates Largest Class

The largest graduating class in Western Nevada College history walked across the stage in two ceremonies last month. The class of 2010 numbers 451 and ranges from age 16 to 85. At left, graduates from WNC's Bachelor of Technology program in Construction Management: Zach Caron, Cody Cummings, Candice Klopf, Chris Barredo, and Jordan Payette. Not pictured: Nigel Harrison.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-05-26a.php>

College Welding Center Earns AWS Accreditation

The Andi Butti Welding Technology Center on the WNC Carson City campus has received accreditation by the American Welding Society. The center serves as the only accredited testing facility in northern Nevada and is the location of classroom and laboratory facilities for the study and application of welding technologies.

Dean of Instruction Carol Lange credits members of the college's Technology Division for the achievement: "This accomplishment is the result of a year's worth of hard work on the part of Division Chair Ed Martin and instructor Randy Naylor, with a great deal of support from administrative assistant Laura-Lee Redwine."

WNC offers an associate degree and certificate of achievement in welding technology, along with preparation for individual welder certification, which enhances the skills and employability of graduates.



Everything's Coming Up Lavender

Western Nevada College Specialty Crop Institute announces a commercial lavender production and sales workshop Friday, July 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Lavender Ridge Farm in Reno. The event is intended for new and experienced farmers interested in starting a lavender farm or business. Classroom and on-farm instruction will focus on commercial lavender production, from plant selection through harvest and marketing. Cost is \$35 if registered by June 30, \$45 after June 30. Includes lunch.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-06-03c.php>

IN THE ARTS

WNC Fallon Presents 'Music Man Jr.'

A WNC College for Kids production of "Music Man Jr." takes the stage Friday, June 25-Saturday, June 26, 7 p.m. at Churchill County High School, 1222 South Taylor St., Fallon.

Admission-\$4; Children 8 years and under are free. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-06-02c.php>



Art Exhibit Reveals the Many Faces of Printmaking

It all began as a way to get together with other artists who enjoy printmaking. Four years later, the Printmakers' Conspiracy is a creative and committed organization of Nevada artists who not only show their work but also provide educational projects in schools, and workshops for fellow printmakers. WNC Carson City art galleries are hosting a diverse summer exhibit of works by 22 printmakers, through Thursday, Sept. 2. "Secrets Revealed" explores many styles and techniques in printmaking: lithography, embossing, etching, woodcutting, screen printing, digital printing, solar plating, hand tinting, and more. Cloth, paper and wood are transformed into fascinating works of art.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-06-01a.php>

ATHLETICS

Wildcats Baseball Nets Feature in National Magazine

In the five years since they first took the field as a startup college baseball program, the Western Nevada College Wildcats have become a regional force and a national contender. Now, a national baseball magazine has taken notice.

The Wildcats are featured in the 2010-2 issue of Baseball The Magazine, a publication that profiles baseball teams from youth to college level, and is always on the lookout for players and teams that stand out. A three-page feature with multiple color photos describes the Wildcats' history and successes beginning with its first year, when it "shocked opponents and other observers by winning (the Scenic West Conference championship which included four NJCAA Top 20 teams) with a squad that featured only two sophomores, with the rest being freshmen." <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-06-03b.php>

Softball Team Welcomes Local Grad to Team

Carson High School graduating senior Megan Hein will join the Wildcats softball team for 2010-2011. The CHS catcher is a strong all-around player, offensively and defensively, as well as a solid student. She plans to contribute to the team and hone her skills while working on the first two years of her college degree. Hein said she likes the idea of being able to play close to home where family and friends can attend the games. Welcome to the Wildcats!

COLLEGE CORNER

Fallon Grad Earns National Honor

A Fallon woman who just graduated in Western Nevada College's class of 2010 has been recognized with a national honor. Tammi Abshire has been named a 2010 Coca-Cola national finalist in a program administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the national honor society of community college students. The prestigious award includes a \$1,000 reward.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-06-02b.php>



Latino Students Earn Accolades, New Opportunities



Three local Latino students at Western Nevada College are preparing for new opportunities as recipients of prestigious scholarships and summer projects. Their goals are unique, but each student will be helped greatly in their educational pursuits.

Sara Isabel Flores is the recipient of the National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research scholarship. She will receive \$4,500 to develop Spanish language materials and curriculum for the Waterfall Fire Interpretive Trail on the WNC campus. She will work under the

mentorship of WNC Chemistry Professor Mike Sady and Dr. Jay Arnone of the Desert Research Institute. Sergio Arteaga has been awarded the Carson City Rotary Club 2010 Scholarsteps Scholarship. He will receive \$3,000 annually for up to four years to support his education, up to a bachelor's degree, at a Nevada college or university. As one of 11 siblings and the first member of his family to attend college, Arteaga will use the scholarship as he studies to become an oncology nurse. Vannesa Macias travels to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas this summer to participate in the National Education for Women's Leadership "NEW Leadership Nevada" program. The Women's Research Institute of Nevada hosts the program, which brings together just 25 Nevada college students for a six-day symposium about leadership and civic participation, and features presentations by accomplished women leaders.

Donor and Volunteers Make a Difference

Each year, donors and volunteers give time and resources to support the college and its programs. Recent assistance includes: volunteers from the Sunset and Carson City Rotary clubs spent a Saturday beautifying and weatherizing the Planetary Walkway at the Jack C. Davis Observatory, as part of the international "Rotary at Work Day;" and Bill Bernard of Carson City donated a CISCO switch to be used by the college's Computer Information Systems department to enhance the learning experience for students. WNC extends a special thank you to all members of the community who help make a difference for the college and its students.

Fallon Campus Enjoys 'Bloomin' Transplant

Things are 'coming up roses' at the Fallon campus as college grounds crews completed a landscaping update and enhancement of the earth berms that flank the Sage Building.

According to Grounds Supervisor John Doran, more than 40 plant varieties were planted, including Bristlecone Pine tree, Burning Bush, Blue Atlas Cedar tree, Snow Fountain Cherry tree, Forsythia bush, Honeysuckle vine, Dwarf Lilac shrub, and more. College staff who removed overgrowth and planted landscaping

include: Dennis Chapman, Nelson deVega, Doran, James Fikkers, Richard Lutao, Brian Lunz, Ken McClure, Steve Murray, and Nick Redwine.



Take Advantage of New Option for Renting Textbooks

Rent-A-Text is Coming!! Beginning this fall, WNC will offer a new textbook rental program designed to save students money. In collaboration with the college's bookstore partner, Follett Higher Education Group, the textbook rental program will be available to students under the banner of Rent-A-Text. Academic faculty members are being asked to consider adopting book titles that are available for rent. They can search a national rental list that will be available at www.rent-a-text.com. Faculty members who participate in the program can place a Rent-A-Text logo on their class syllabus to inform students on how to find the rental options they make available. Information: WNC Bookstore Manager Bob Swanson – 445-3252.

College Prepares for NEW Student Information Portal

Beginning with registration for the fall 2011 semester, WNC will implement a new online system for submitting admission applications, student information, class registration, and account balance inquiries. Anyone applying for admission for fall 2011 can begin using the new online system, MyWNC, as early as October 2010. Anyone registering for fall 2011 classes will also use the new MyWNC online system. Anyone applying or registering for Summer 2011 classes will use the existing Web-Reg system. Students are encouraged to watch for additional information regarding these changes and work closely with student services personnel throughout the transition to the new student information portal.

HOLD THE DATE

June 1-July 30: WNC Douglas Campus will be closed. It will reopen Monday, Aug. 2.